

# The Importance of Parenting Time (Visitation)

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PARENTING TIME, PARENT CONFLICT, PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS,  
AND CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL HEALTH

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Frequency is a poor  
measure (ex: 4 times per  
month)

Quantity v. Quality is a straw  
man

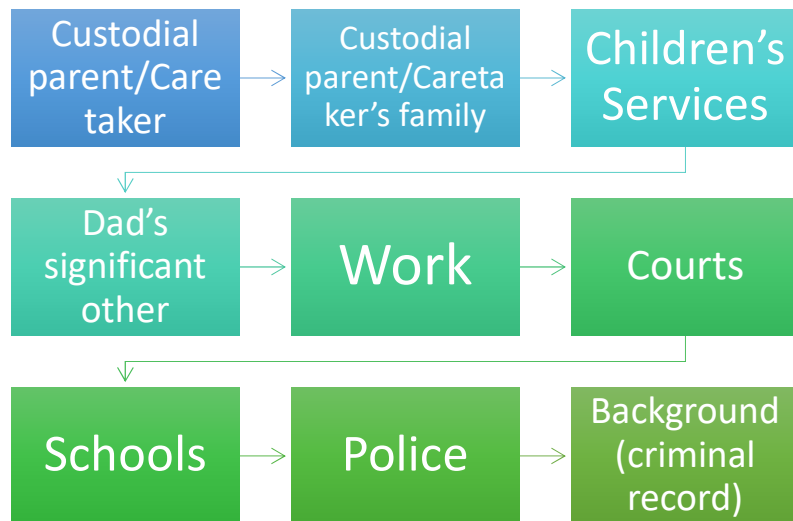
Quantity leads to more  
father-child interaction,  
which leads to quality  
parent-child relationships



## Practical Reasons PT is important (add graphic)

- NCP can find out about important events such as plays, sporting events, teacher conferences, doctor appointments, etc...
- Relationship building which can lead to better discipline
- Consistency – children need it
- Setting an example – children are the future parents

# Barriers



# Custodial Parent/Caretaker

CP has a new  
significant other

Dad has a new  
significant other

CP & Dad just  
cannot get along

## Custodial parent/Caretaker's family

Bad history – multiple breakups

They may have had custody at one point

They only know the negative things about Dad

# Children's Services

Interested in  
the child's  
welfare

Lack of  
diversity in  
staff

Prior  
encounters  
with Dad



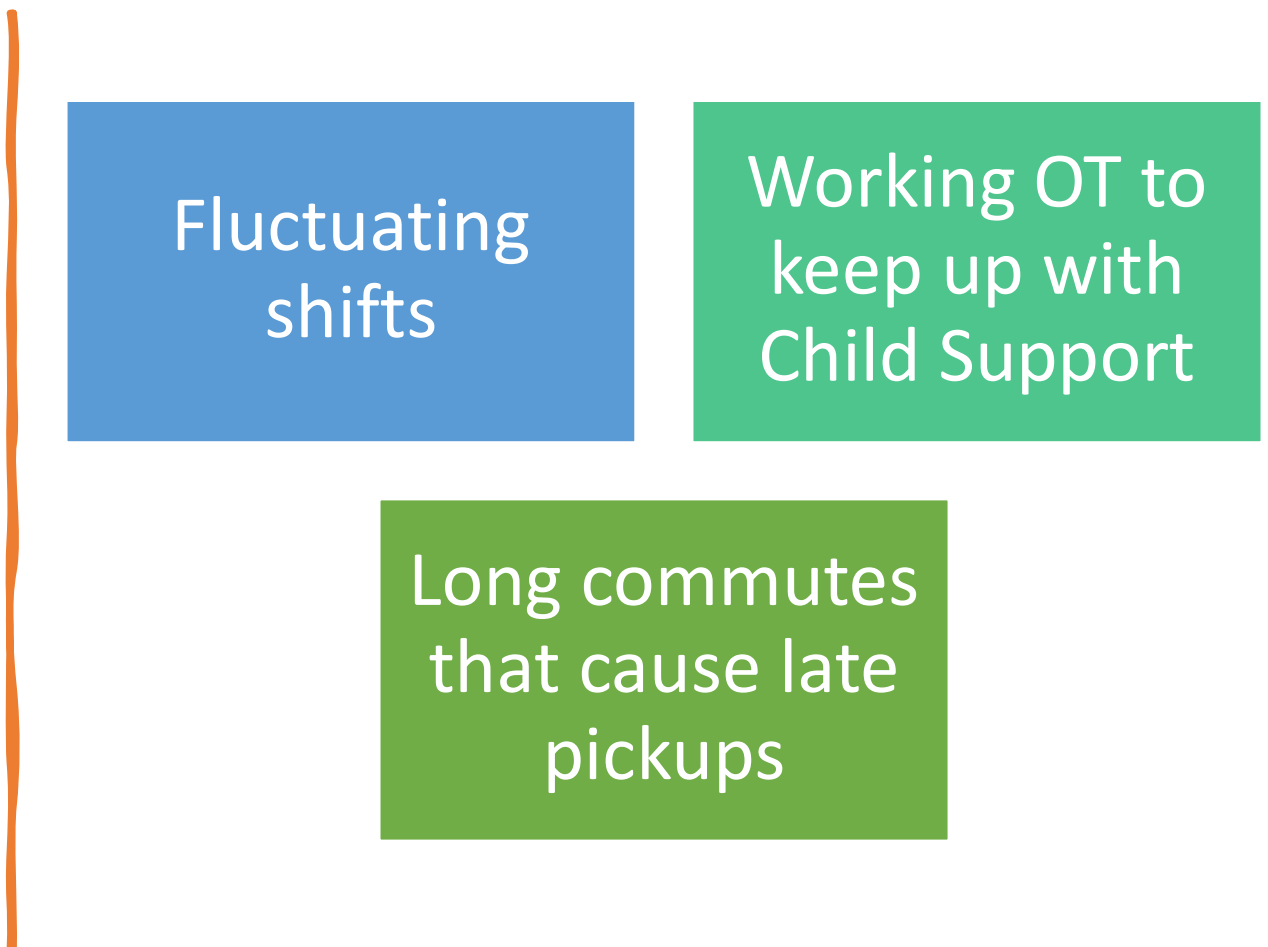
# Dad's significant other

Has history with the custodial parent

Has a child with Dad as well

Jealousy

# Work



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Fluctuating  
shifts

Working OT to  
keep up with  
Child Support

Long commutes  
that cause late  
pickups

# Courts

Lengthy delays  
in getting a PT  
hearing

Do not offer pro  
se filings

Bogus/indefinite  
TROs

No teeth to the  
PT orders

# Schools

Banned by the CP without basis

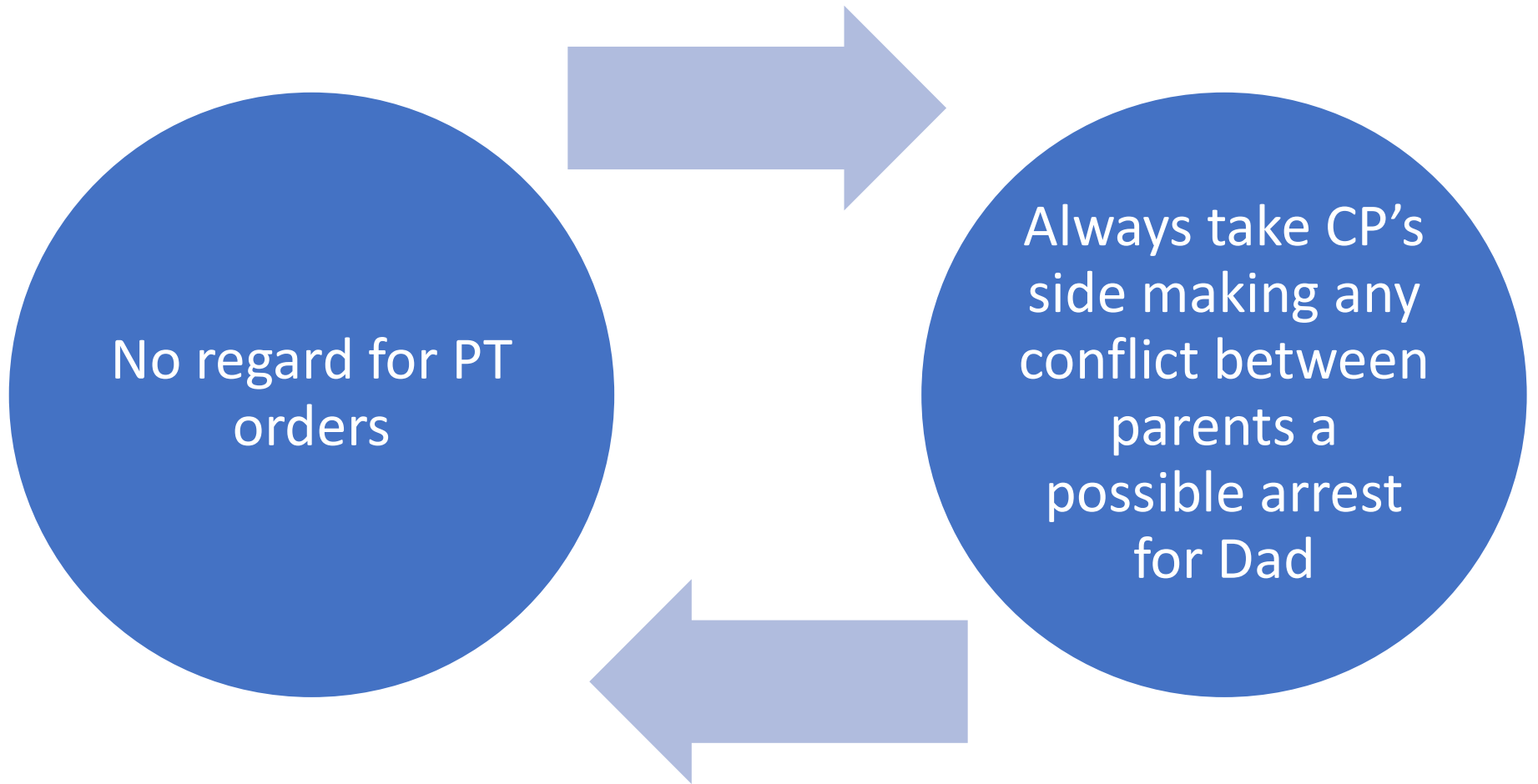
Request documentation unnecessary for NCPs to participate in school activities

Only notify the CP of important dates such as parent-teacher conferences

# Police


No regard for PT  
orders

Always take CP's  
side making any  
conflict between  
parents a  
possible arrest  
for Dad



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## Background (criminal record)

- Could be a factor at PT hearing
  - Could be a factor with police interaction if conflict arises
  - Could limit employment opportunities which could lead to inability to provide financial support and gain favor with CP
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# Solutions

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Private attorney

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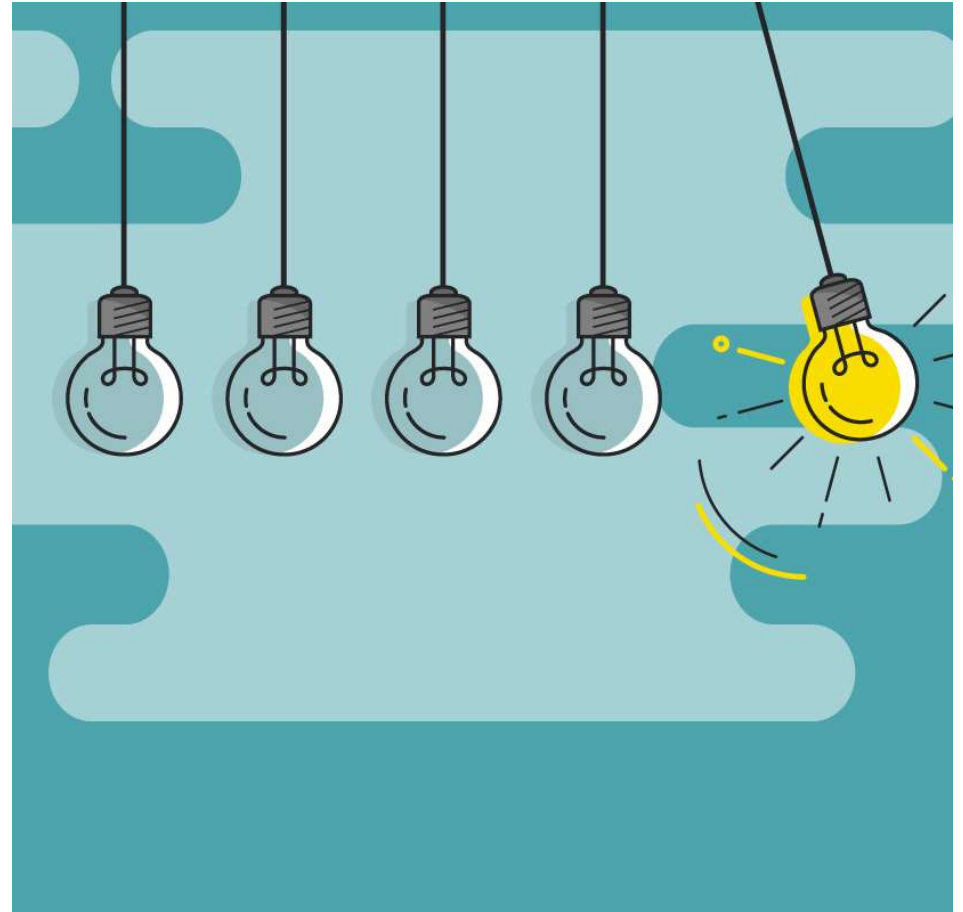
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Mediation

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Compromise





**Questions**